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STOP! LOOK!! READ!!!

WHAT: NORTHWESTERN YOUTH
CONGRESS
WHERE: CHURCH OF GOD CAMP-
GROUND, Minot, N. Dak.
WHEN: OCTOBER 13-16, 1949
WHO: CHURCH OF GOD YOUTH
WHY: TO BETTER PREPARE OUR-
SELVES FOR CHRISTIAN
DUTY.

Plans are being made for the
greatest Youth Congress ever
held in the Northwest. This
meeting promises to be a great
spiritual feast for the youth and
workers in the Church of God.
Rev. Ralph E. Williams, National
Youth Director, will be with us,
and Rev. Ray Hughes, outstand-
ing youth speaker, will preach
each evening. The day services
will feature other talented speak-
ers. Our esteemed General
Overseer, Rev. H. L. Chessier, will
be with us for at least two days.
Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, Presi-
dent of Lee College, will be
speaking, and you will enjoy his
ministry. We will have many of
our local ministers on the pro-
gram. There will be group dis-
cussions on Evangelism, Sunday
Schools, Y.P.E., and Daily Vac-
ation Bible School.

WE URGE ALL OUR YOUTH
TO COME—BRING YOUR IN-
STRUMENTS—COME BELIEV-
ING AND PRAYING—GOD
WILL MEET US THERE.
Our Motto—ALL OF CHRIST
AND NONE OF SELF.

COVER PICTURE

The lovely picture which graces our cover
page is of the Church of God, located at
914 27th Street, Columbus, Georgia, which
is to be dedicated Sunday, October 2.

This new brick building is nearing com-
pletion. The main auditorium is 40x60 feet;
the annex for the Sunday School rooms is
25x50 feet. It has hardwood flooring
fluorescent lighting, and a baptistery. The
property is valued at \$25,000.

The dedicatory sermon will be delivered
by Rev. Earl P. Paulk at 2:30 o'clock on
the afternoon of October 2. We are also
expecting, as guest speakers, Rev. H. L.
Chessier, General Overseer of the Church of
God; and Rev. E. L. Simmons, state overseer
of Georgia.

The church people are especially anxious
for all their ex-pastors to be present on this
day, and extend a cordial invitation to all
our neighboring pastors and their congre-
gations.—M. B. Norris, Pastor.

EVANGEL SUBSCRIPTIONS

SEPTEMBER 1, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9,
INCLUSIVE

Alabama	29	Missouri	1
Arkansas	13	Michigan	3
California	3	Montana	1
Canada	1	North Carolina	11
Florida	18	Ohio	3
Foreign	2	Oklahoma	19
Georgia	28	Oregon	1
Idaho	1	Pennsylvania	1
Illinois	5	South Carolina	7
Indiana	6	Tennessee	34
Kansas	1	Texas	3
Kentucky	8	Virginia	11
Louisiana	2	West Virginia	12
Maine	1	Total	234
Maryland	5		

REQUESTS for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

My mother to be healed.—Mrs. Paul Ross,
East Lynn, W. Va.

Me to be healed of cancer; my husband and
little boy.—Mrs. Willie Cason, Honea Path,
S. C.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Clifton
Bynum, Eden, Ala.

My father to be saved and healed; my hus-
band to be saved.—Mrs. Ernest Pate.

My father to be healed of sugar diabetes,
heart trouble, and low blood pressure; me to
be healed of enlarged heart.—Miss Dora
Oglesby, Colfax, La.

A lady friend to be healed; my little boy;
me to be healed.—Mrs. Jesse de Tienne, Rich-
hill, Mo.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. C. W.
Martin, Fayetteville, Ga.

God to open up a way that we may have
a Church of God here.—The members, Pine-
ville, N. C.

My baby to be healed.—Laura Yancey, West
Helena, Ark.

God to undertake for my husband and me.
—Mrs. Tate Williams, Shannon, Ga.

Mrs. Eddie Mercer, who is very ill.—Mrs.
Helen Burgin, W. Somerset, Ky.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. V. Swiger,
Sunnyvale, Calif.

God to heal Teeney Thames of a cancer.—
G. C. Evans, Boylston, Ala.

Our home.—Mrs. W. E. Burns, Flat Creek,
Ala.

My wife to be healed; our unsaved loved
ones.—Ray M. Morgan, Hayesville, N. C.

Mrs. Esther Coffey to be healed.—Mrs. Alex
Clemons, Orgas, W. Va.

Me to be healed of a very serious stomach
trouble.—Mrs. F. D. Cross, Chattanooga, Tenn.

My husband to be sanctified and filled with
the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Elrige Somner, Wood-
lawn, Va.

The complete healing of my body; my
daughter's eyes to be healed; my children.—
Lydia H. Workman, Lovely, Ky.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Etta Piper,
Spring Gap, Ind.

My mother, who is seriously sick; God to
make a way for us.—Mary York, Cornelia, Ga.
My arm to be healed.—Mrs. Iva Johnson,
Sunnyvale, Calif.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. I. Lunn,
Coopers Mills, Me.

God to heal our daughter's eye.—Mr. and
Mrs. W. C. Cobb, Olustee, Fla.

The healing of my body; my daughter to
get work; my husband's healing.—Sister
Schmid, Huntington, W. Va.

My mother to be healed of heart trouble
and T. B.; my brother and his wife to be
saved.—Mrs. B. M. Franklin, Clarksville, Ga.

God to make a way that I can buy a car to
use for Him.—W. D. Polen, Cleveland, Tenn.

My husband; me to be healed of T. B.—
Mrs. Bernice Harris, Memphis, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Lee Bryant,
Graham, Ky.

Me to be healed of rheumatism.—Mrs. Marie
East, Tusculumbia, Ala.

My son to be healed of stomach trouble;
the healing of my body.—Amanda E. Wood,
Gainesville, Fla.

My mother to be healed of sugar diabetes.—
Mrs. Vannie Johnson, Pittsburg, Kans.

AGAINST A THORN

(2 Cor. 21: 7-9)

Once I heard a song of sweetness,
As it cleft the morning air,
Sounding in its blest completeness,
Like a tender, pleading prayer;
And I thought to find the singer,
Whence the wondrous song was
borne;
And I found a bird, sore wounded,
Pinioned by a cruel thorn.

I have seen a soul in sadness,
While its wings with pain were
furled,
Giving hope, and cheer and gladness
That should bless a weeping world;
And I knew that life of sweetness
Was of pain and sorrow born,
And a stricken soul was singing,
With its heart against a thorn.

Ye are told of One who loved you,
Of a Saviour crucified,
Ye are told of nails that pinioned,
And a spear that pierced His side;
Ye are told of cruel scourging,
Of a Saviour bearing scorn,
And He died for your salvation
With His brow against a thorn.

Ye "are not above the Master."
Will you breathe a sweet refrain?
And His grace will be sufficient
When your heart is pierced with
pain.

Will you live to bless His loved ones,
Tho' your life be bruised and torn
Like the bird that sang so sweetly
With its heart against a thorn?

—Author Unknown.

... Editorials ...

LEE COLLEGE BEGINS THIRD TERM

Lee College, under the supervision of its president, J. Stewart Brinsfield, held its formal opening of the 1949-50 term on the night of September 7. The welcome address was given by the president, and the principal speaker of the evening was Rev. David J. du Plessis, Executive Secretary of the World Pentecostal Fellowship. His subject was "World Affairs." The College was not only honored by this address from Reverend du Plessis, but will be favored throughout the term by his efficient work as teacher.

The registrar, L. D. Powell, stated that 520 students had registered at that time, which was an increase of approximately 100 over last year. At this writing, September 19, 610 students are enrolled, and the registrar is still receiving long-distance telephone calls and telegrams from boys and girls who are anxious to attend the College.

The administration officers of Lee College are: J. Stewart Brinsfield, president; E. M. Tapley, dean; Mary Harrison Green, principal of Lee College Academy (high school); Lacy D. Powell, registrar; Walter T. Johnson, librarian; Cecil Bridges, business manager; and J. D. Free, treasurer.

Now I am sure that you would also like to meet the members of the College faculty: Donald Aultman, Robert Blackwood, Mr. and Mrs. George Brazell, Nina Driggers, Elaine Burnette, David J. du Plessis, Rufus H. Gause, and Mrs. Leon Green, Addie B. Harrison, Jarvis Hill, Helen Hughes, Robert Humbertson, A. T. Humphries, Dora P. Myers, Edith Nelson, Dorothy Poteat, Lacy Powell, George Savchenko, Dr. Anna Sebring, Mrs. Metta Sherman, Carroll Sherman, Avis Swiger, Mrs. E. M. Tapley, Charles Gold, Priscilla Odom, Margaret Pitt, Wanda R. Walker, Beatrice Yates, Donald B. Moore, Mrs. Grady Hurst, Otis L. McCoy, and Mrs. Symes.

I am sure that no other college in the world has a more efficient, yet spiritually minded, consecrated faculty as is here listed. You may be assured that your boys and girls are under the very best supervision and will receive the highest type of training under genuine Christian influence while here at Lee College. I share the president's opinion that this term will mean greater success and progress for Lee College.

OUR ORPHANAGES TO MOVE TO SEVIERVILLE

In the Supreme Council meeting, September 5-9, it was decided that due to the fact we had not been able to sell the Sevierville property at a satisfactory price, and also due to the fact that we were facing an expenditure of thousands of dollars by way of expansion and additions in order to take care of our orphanages here in Cleveland, that it would be far better to move the homes to Sevierville where we could have all of our children on the same campus. In fact, the Orphanage Board, as well as members of our ministers, have considered for some time that our present orphanage setup is outmoded, as well as inconveniently located. For instance, it has been found that the more practical way to house orphans is through a cottage arrangement, placing a reasonable number of

children under the supervision of a matron and in this way make their lives more homelike. To follow this method would mean colonizing; that is, building a number of houses in group formation, with a central heating plant, kitchen and dining room. It is a fact that we do not have the cottage setup at Sevierville, but we do have dormitories on the same ground and a central heating plant, kitchen and dining room, while here at Cleveland, we have four homes, two of which are about ten miles apart and both of which are five miles each from Cleveland, where the children attend church and, many of them, go to school. This means that all of these homes are provided with heating and cooking appliances separately, and not only that, but the transportation facilities and running expenses are tremendous. This will be eliminated by moving to Sevierville.

At Sevierville the children will have a large chapel in which religious services and programs, more in keeping with their ages, will be conducted; and not only that, but we will have our day school facilities at hand on our own campus and this will mean that the children will be taught in their day school under our supervision by consecrated teachers; and our superintendent, Brother Dych, has been assured that the State will pay the teachers.

Another reason, that may appear to some as sentimental, yet to me as a father of nine children, five boys and four girls, is anything but sentimental, is, at present, we receive brothers and sisters that do not have the privilege of seeing and being with each other as often as they should. God, in His all-wise economy, has so provided that parents would be blessed with boys and girls, and that they should be reared in the same home, around the same table, and about the same altar. Our setup in Sevierville will provide this convenience.

The Benton Pike home and farm will be sold immediately upon the moving of the Orphanage, which will perhaps be by January 1. Several bids are standing and have been standing for this farm. The Lee Highway home will either be sold or rented to Lee College. The girls' new home on Montgomery Avenue will, in all probability, be used by the Publishing House and other departments for office space as well as storage room. There will be no difficulty in renting to Lee College, or other responsible parties the girls' dormitory on Peoples Street.

May I say that I know I express the sentiment of the Supreme Council when I say that moving the Orphanage to Sevierville is our second choice, yet it would certainly be unwise to invest thousands of dollars here in expansion programs to take care of the various needs of our homes, knowing that our present setup is not what we want, neither would it be after we had invested thousands of dollars. In moving to Sevierville, we lose nothing here in Cleveland except the presence of these sweet children, which certainly we will miss, but, on the other hand, in moving to Sevierville we avoid selling our property under high pressure at such a sacrifice that would embarrass the entire Church. Another thing to consider is that if in the future an offer should be made for the Sevierville property that could be accepted, we could build an orphanage in keeping with what we know our children should have.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

—James 1:27.

Gifts, Administrations and Operations

(This article lays emphasis on Teaching No. 10.)

J. G. HALL, BIBLE TEACHER

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant," 1 Cor. 12:1. In 1 Cor. 12:8-10 we have the three following ways in which the Spirit of God is manifested: 1. Gifts. 2. Administrations. 3. Operations. The gifts of the Spirit are nine in number and are clearly defined in 1 Cor. 12:8-10. They are wisdom, knowledge, faith, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues, and interpretation. These nine gifts are distributed to different members of the body of Christ by God's sovereign act. They are divided "severally as he wills," verse 11, without the human agency of the imposition of hands or prophetic utterance. The second manifestation of the Spirit is called administration or ministries, and are five in number, as clearly defined in Eph. 4:8-11. "When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." These gifts, which He gave to men, were gifts of ministry of administration, Eph. 4:11: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. They are conferred by our Lord who ascended on high, who is Head of the Church. Their purpose is clearly stated as being "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ," Eph. 4:12. The third manifestation of the Spirit, called operations, is the most comprehensive of all, as it includes in its scope the first two, but goes away beyond them. They are not localized or confined to individuals, but are universal in scope and sovereign in action.

Concerning the gifts of the Spirit, Rom. 1:11, 12 is often misconstrued. Let us notice the text, which reads as follows: "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; that is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." Study the Greek analysis of the text, also the context, with a comparison of other scriptures, and it becomes clear that Paul was not referring to one of the nine gifts in 1 Cor. 12:8-10, neither to the imparting of one or more of the five gifts in Eph.



Rev. J. G. HALL

4:11—ranks of ministry, such as apostle, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. The Greek word "gift" in Romans 1:11, 12 is "charisma," and Strong's Concordance gives the following: "To grant as a favor; i.e., gratuitously, in kindness, grace, and gift." Weymouth's New Testament reads as follows: "For I am longing to see you in order to convey to you some spiritual help so that you may be strengthened." In other words, "that while I am among you we may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith, yours and mine." The word "help" makes the context clear. Rom. 1:7 states clearly that the epistle was addressed to all the saints at Rome, not to an individual; so all were to share equally in the impartation. It is foolish to think that Paul had in mind to impart a gift of the Spirit or a gift of ministry. If Paul came behind in no gift, such as apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher, and undoubtedly he exercised these gifts in his life, what was the Church to impart to him? Would we say that they were going to impart some gifts to him when he already had them? So then the text is clear that he was going to impart some grace, favor,

kindness, help, and they in turn were to impart the same to Paul.

The Greek word "impart" is "metadidomi," which means to share, to give over, give, and to impart. The context reveals that the apostle was going to share as distinct from giving. God had blessed the apostle with various gifts so that he wished to visit the Church that they may share the benefits of them. The nine gifts are given "severally as he wills," and are given by the Spirit, not as man wills, 1 Cor. 12:8-11. No human agency, such as the imposition of hands or prophetic utterance, was used in distributing the nine gifts, or calling or confirmation of apostles, prophets, pastors, or teachers, and in only one instance was the evangelist designated in this way, which was the case of Timothy, 1 Tim. 4:14, "Neglect not the gift that is within thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of hands of the presbytery," 2 Tim. 1:6, 7, "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands." 1 Tim. 1:18, "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare."

The context is very clear. Paul emphasized the unfeigned faith that was in his grandmother Lois, also in his mother Eunice, and says, "I am persuaded that is in thee also," 1:5. Verse 7 says, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Since this is an incident in God's Word where a gift was conferred with the putting on of hands or prophetic utterance, a clear understanding of this incident will solve the whole problem of human agency in the distribution of the gifts of the Spirit.

Paul makes it clear that Timothy received his call from God. We read in 2 Tim. 1:9, "Who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." Therefore, he did not receive his call from Paul; Timothy knew the Scriptures from a child.

Jesus spake to the disciples, "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit," John 15:16. Gifts and callings are of God.

What gift did Timothy receive? Was it one of the nine gifts of the Spirit of 1 Corinthians 12? or was it one of the five gifts of ministry as recorded in Ephesians 4?

Any Bible teacher will agree that this incident had to do with Timothy's ordination to the ministry. It had to do with his future ministry. Since there are just five ministries; namely, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, it follows logically that it was one of the five. We are not in doubt as to which one it was. It is clearly stated in 2 Tim. 4:5, which reads as follows: "Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry, preach the Word." Paul wrote two epistles to Timothy. In these epistles he made repeated references to Timothy's ministry, but never once mentioned the exercise of any one or more of the nine gifts of the Spirit. After exhorting Timothy to give attention to reading, to exhortation, and to doctrine, and to neglect not the gift that was in him (1 Tim. 4:13-15), Paul said, "Give thyself wholly to the same." It would be foolish to say, "Give thyself wholly to speaking in tongues, or prophesying, or interpretation, or exercising any one of the nine gifts," but "give thyself wholly to exhortation, doctrine, and his gift as an evangelist."

It certainly is very disheartening to see the way things are being carried on today in some Pentecostal services. Some individuals have taken it upon themselves to try to impart the Baptism by having individuals sit down, placing their hands upon them, and telling them to start speaking something. Many people are being disappointed and are failing to get the real experience as in John 15:26, which says, "He shall testify of me." John 16:13, "Whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak." So it is the Holy Spirit that should do the speaking as we yield ourselves unto God. Many people have been called to mission fields by man, and supposed to have been given the Chinese or African, or various languages, and upon reaching the foreign soil, they were supposed to have been able to speak the native language, but only met disappointment and came back discouraged. May God save us from a lot of this nonsense!

The Pentecostal Movement has believed and practiced the laying on of hands, as taught in God's Word, for some fifty years. But not imparting of gifts, as no mortal can do. Thousands have received the Baptism without any laying on of hands: The 120 received the Blessing, Acts 2; the sermon to the Gentiles in Cornelius' house, Acts 10:44-48; and thousands of others, without laying on of hands. Then there are examples in the Bible where hands were laid on people and they received the Holy Spirit and healing. Also, in our churches such is practiced; and ordination, sending out missionaries, and the setting aside of workers for special services are done by prayer and the laying on of hands. Let no one be so foolish as to think he has discovered something new, and that he is a special apostle in restoring

the doctrine of the laying on of hands.

In many places there are empty hands being laid on empty heads. Man cannot impart spiritual gifts. When people fully yield themselves to God, then He baptizes and fills, whether hands are laid on or not. God has blessed various individuals today who are having miraculous healings. I can truly say I have seen literally hundreds healed by the mighty power of God, and have seen the gift of healing in action—the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and the lame to walk—and while God has blessed these men, we can expect all kinds of false things to take place. There is a scriptural basis for laying on of hands, but not that man can impart gifts. Let us seek for the real and not be deceived by the false, as we vitally need the gifts in our lives today to carry on the program for God.

State Activities...

GEORGIA'S GREAT CAMP MEETING

The Georgia state camp meeting for the year 1949 is now in the past, but it will not be soon forgotten. The fellowship and inspiration were such as to make it stand out in the forefront and compare equally with any camp meeting anywhere.

One of the outstanding features of the services was that of deep consecration. This began at the early sunrise service, which was well attended by those who were in the camp and many who were staying in neighboring towns, and continued all through the day. The Bible lectures at the 9 o'clock services by T. W. Godwin were edifying and inspiring. No greater spiritual menu has ever been given or better served than those presented each day by this man of God. This was surely one of the outstanding events of the day.

The preaching at the camp meeting was also of a wonderful quality. Some of it was done by local Georgia talent and some of it by visiting preachers, but all of them were equal to the occasion, and whether in day services or in the evangelistic services of the evenings, they gave us something to think about. Many of the messages were deeply heart-searching, while others were an urge to progressive service.

God was also present to heal in a very miraculous way. In one of the morning services, several of the saints who had been suffering from various ailments came up on the platform to be prayed for. Among them were two men, one with a cancer and another with hemorrhages of the stomach. They were both healed. The cancer dropped out that day and the other brother never had another hemorrhage. Several healing services were conducted in the early afternoon and many cases were definitely touched by the mighty power of God.

We are now ready to start on another year's work. No particular program or outline has yet been established, but several have written that they have already started their new year's work.—Reporter.

OHIO'S CAMP MEETING A SPIRITUAL BLESSING

For the fourth consecutive year, the Ohio State Church of God camp meeting and convention was held at the Methodist Campgrounds, Lancaster, Ohio, August 11-20, 1949. In the opinion of many, this was the greatest camp meeting yet to be held. Speaking at the night service, under great anointing, Rev. L. C. Heaston brought soul-stirring messages, which climaxed each night with a glorious altar service. Numerous souls prayed

through to old-time salvation and approximately twenty were filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints also enjoyed a great shower of blessing in these services. As the camp meeting grew in momentum, it was quite a common sight to see numerous persons suddenly rise from their seats during the sermons and enjoy a period of shouting, dancing and praising God.

Saturday was designated as Ohio State Youth Congress Day. This day was given over to the young people, under the direction of our state youth director, O. W. Polen. This day was a blessed one and many helpful and beneficial messages were brought with reference to the youth work. Sister Ruth Frey gave a splendid Bible meditation thought in the morning service, after which Sister Daisy Schimpff gave us a visual aid demonstration and also a very helpful lecture on the use of visual aids in the local churches. Rev. Paul Stallings, member of the National Youth Board and pastor of the Canton, Ohio, Church of God, very ably spoke to us on the subject of "Sunday School Organization," after which Rev. L. C. Caldwell discussed "Y.P.E. Program Preparation." This, too, was a most helpful message.

The Sunday afternoon service was given to the State L.W.W.B. program. Sister E. C. Clark, state president, gave her annual report, after which the Hamilton L.W.W.B. presented a program, which was enjoyed by all present. A love offering was given Sister Clark in appreciation of her work.

Much credit goes to our overseer, Rev. E. C. Clark, and to all the others who made this camp meeting and convention the success it has been. Brother Heaston will never know just how much the Ohio people appreciated his wonderful preaching. We certainly have enjoyed having him and his family with us during our camp meeting.

We are grateful to God for His blessings and approval upon our camp meeting and we are looking forward next year to another great camp meeting.—State Secretary, *The Voice*.

GOD BLESSED TEXAS WITH A WONDERFUL CAMP MEETING

The 1949 camp meeting at Weatherford, Texas, surpassed anything I have ever seen or heard of in all my thirty-eight years of affiliation with the

Church of God. Never before have I seen so many great miracles. Blinded eyes were opened; the deaf were made to hear, the dumb to speak, and the lame to walk; limbs were lengthened, eyes uncrossed, gilters removed, and tumors healed. Well, we had testimonies of more than two hundred miraculous cases of healing. In the one week of camp meeting, the reporters gave in that more than one hundred were saved, seventy sanctified, and sixty-eight filled with the Holy Ghost.

These great things, I believe, were brought about by the fasting and praying in one accord by the ministers and members in the State. Truly, this was a meeting where everyone seemed to manifest a Christlike spirit.



REV. E. O. KERCE

Lee College Quartet, under the leadership of A. T. Humphries, director of music at the Church of God Lee College, rendered outstanding, spiritual singing. Yes, we can still feel a blessing when we think of "Lead Me to That Rock," "Get your Ticket for That Glory Bound Train," "If I Never Get Another Blessing," and many, many other numbers that thrilled our hungry souls. These boys; namely A. T. Humphries, Lewis Childers, Walter Lauster, and Jack Schlueter, with Mrs. A. T. Humphries at the piano, carry this title in Texas now, "The Best in the Nation."

Rev. Thea F. Jones, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was the camp meeting speaker and needs no introduction now to the people of Texas. His "memory

Bible messages" will not be forgotten, nor the healing prayer lines in which God worked through Brother Jones in such a great way. The services grew better each night and the crowds grew larger, until the last night, and many said they wished it could go on. That is what we call a good camp meeting, where the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are invited and welcomed by all the congregation.

We truly believe these good services in Texas, and others we've heard about in different places, are preparing us for something great to take place in the near future. Let's be ready to answer the summons from the portals at any moment.—E. O. Kerce, State Overseer.

GEORGIA'S L.W.W.B.

Mrs. E. L. Simmons

Dear Sisters:

I am very sorry that every one of you could not have been with us at the camp meeting, for I am sure that the ones who were here enjoyed it very much, and that they have gone home with a greater determination to help in the Lord's work than ever before.

Our report was very good, but it would have been better if every church had sent back its card. A few cards have come back since the camp meeting closed. Well, here is the story of our work from the records we have at hand.

Total number of workers 1,124
Amount of money raised \$29,602.50

By Churches—Ten Highest

North Rome	\$2,134.12
Lindale	1,779.58
E. Trion	1,485.36
Riverside	1,244.07
Union Grove	1,150.00
Marietta	1,078.43
Columbus	1,076.20
Griffin	1,017.80
Douglas	1,000.00
Grant Park	902.58

KENTUCKY'S L.W.W.B. REPORT FOR JULY

Ravenna	\$272.00
Lynch	122.75
Middlesboro	115.53
Tribbey	100.60
Vicco	91.00
Harlan	86.35
Loyall	54.62
Vanceburg	73.20
Majestic	66.40
East Louisville	57.83

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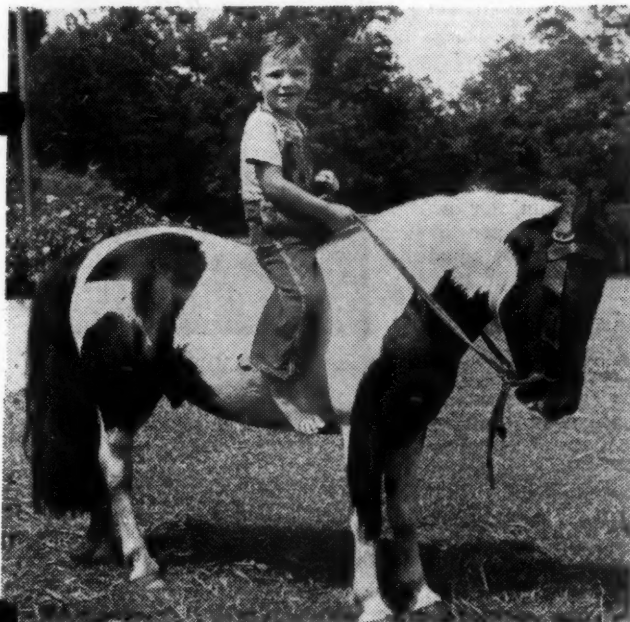
Our Boys and Girls . . .

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE

WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent

Montgomery Avenue

Cleveland, Tennessee



This is Ernest Brown, age 5, of Ducktown, Tenn., on one of the four ponies we have for our children to ride. These ponies were purchased by

the State of Florida for the Orphanage when Brother John C. Jernigan was overseer of Florida. It is needless to say that about every boy likes to



ride. As a rule, they ride this pony to get the cattle up and run errands about the farm. When the children have riding privileges, they take turns riding over a set course. We have raised several ponies, and those we have sold have brought a very good price. We also have several larger riding horses for the older children to ride. Some of our boys are exceptionally good horsemen. About a week ago one of our riding mares had another beautiful colt, and the boys have named him "Silver."

School has started and we have quite a family to get ready each morning. The boys on the South Lee Highway Farm attend Johnson School, which is north of the home. Those on the Benton Pike Farm go to Chilcutt School, which is about three miles from the home. These boys leave for school each morning about 7:30, on the bus. The girls go to two of the city schools in Cleveland. The younger girls attend Mayfield School, about two blocks from the homes. The older girls go to Arnold School. We have twenty of our children in Bradley High School. Many of the boys and girls are leaders in their respective classes and schools. They take an active part in the various school activities and athletics. We endeavor to give each child who comes to us every educational advantage. With your help we will continue to improve our service to the underprivileged and dependent children in our care.

• • • REVIVALS • • •

YORK, S. C.—We have recently had one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church here at York, with Brother Eugene Thrasher, of Anderson, S. C., as the evangelist. Forty-one were saved, thirty sanctified, twenty-six filled with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church. We thank the Lord for sending Brother Thrasher here for a revival and for his wonderful messages. Truly he was a blessing to both young and old, saints and sinners, especially to the youth. You will do well to secure him for a revival, and you may do so at the following address: Eugene Thrasher, 31 Cannon Street, York, S. C.

We also thank the Lord for our good pastor, Rev. Charlie Williamson, and

his family. They have been a great blessing to every member of the church. Keep praying for the work here.—Henry Ramsey, Clerk.

PLYMOUTH, N. C.—We praise God for the way He has blessed the work here at Plymouth. Over a year ago God laid this small river-front town upon the hearts of Brother and Sister T. L. Little. There was no Church of God here at that time, and the devil made it hard to start one, but God moved a kind-hearted sinner man to let him erect his tent on his land. Efforts were made by holiness fighters, to run him out of town but God gave victory, and today the church is making progress in every way.

We began a school and revival on June 7 with forty-eight enrolled and had a daily average attendance of thirty-four. It was amazing to note how each student took such vital interest in every phase of the Bible School.

Our revival services were well attended by both saints and sinner. Sister Dixon and I took turns in preaching, and twenty were saved, six sanctified, and three baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church as a whole was greatly helped. One sinner, who was afflicted with heart trouble, gall bladder trouble, and sugar diabetes, and who had to stay under constant care of the doctor for weeks, was wonderfully saved and healed.

God also helped us to raise over \$100 to apply on the church lots Brother Little is buying. We solicit your prayers for the dear saints of God and Brother and Sister Little, also for us.—N. P. Dixon.

A Helpmeet for Man

By James L. Slay



REV. JAMES L. SLAY
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Publications Board

In this enlightened and wonderful Twentieth Century, we have a plethora of marriage clinics and happy home consultants. All of our popular periodicals carry articles of wisdom and erudition as to how one should go about having a happy home. Many of our colleges and universities have special classes on eugenics and home economics. Most of the modern pastors are students of psychology and psychiatry and dole out wonderful advice to the seekers of home joy. Yet, in spite of all these so-called advancements, there is more trouble in the home than ever before. Something is wrong. It cannot be that people do not know. It cannot be that this important phase of life is not being studied nor noticed. What is the trouble? We think that we know and shall try to find out from God's Word just what to give to you about this important subject.

Many of our moderns seem to have outgrown the Bible. Too many intellectuals feel that the advice contained in Holy Writ is hackneyed and too old-fashioned for us today. This is untrue. Never was a man more at a loss as to how to live than he is today. Surely all of the learning of man has not made things any better. The marriage counsellors, with their fat fees and big words, have done very little to make the home happier. Let us get back to the old-fashioned way, the way of love and Christian sincerity. The Bible is a complete Book; in it we find all the wisdom needed for successful living. It is not outmoded. It has been the bedrock of our nation and home, and may we ever heed its admonition, and seek the advice it so freely gives.

In Genesis 2:18 we find the statement of God that man needed companionship. He was to have a wife and she was to be his "help meet." This woman was so-called because of the fact that she came out of man.

According to the saintly Matthew Henry, the woman was "not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved." Certainly this quaint explanation of God's work in the creation of the first woman will suffice to picture the place she is to occupy in man's life, both as to relationship and devotion. Not only was the woman to render devotion and help to her husband, but according to verse 24 of this same chapter a man was to leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife, thus making the two become as one. Thank God, this command of God still holds good today. The law of the Lord has not changed and if this simple doctrine of devotion and respect were followed today, there would be much less trouble in our land.

Not only was marriage divinely instituted so as to provide fellowship, but it was through this union of the two sexes that God set in motion His plan to propagate the race. Genesis 3:16 tells us of the curse that was pronounced upon the woman, a curse that has blighted her life these centuries past, but a manner of suffering that has acquainted her with God and made her a soul more acquainted with things spiritual than she would have otherwise been.

Knowing then that God ordained marriage for the purpose of fellowship and propagation and for nothing else, we might see easily why some marriages fail when they are consummated for purposes other than these two mentioned. It is surprising to know just why some couples marry. Some of the social climbers marry to better their position in life, or at least maintain the level that they have been accustomed to enjoy. Some have been known to marry for spite.

Perhaps it was to spite parents who were too hard; perhaps it was to spite some lover who had spurned an individual's love. Others have married without much thought of what they were doing because they had a taunting fear that they would die spinster unless they took this opportunity. Then, there have been many forced to marry because they had been guilty of premarital sex relationships. Many are the reasons for marriage. We have mentioned only a few to show you that there are thousands of couples married out of the will of God. How can God bless a marriage that has been consummated for some purpose other than that for which it was divinely instituted? Any couple who marries without the thought of having a family, and without the desire for fellowship because of love have little or no chance of making a success out of the most important venture in life.

When a man or woman takes the marriage vow, he or she is taking one of the most solemn vows that can be expressed. The promise made at the marriage ceremony is great from the standpoint of the parent because of the sacrifice in the surrender of a child to someone else. It is great in its solemnity for the bride because of the fact that she is sacrificing a name, a name that has been hers since birth. It is great in

its scope for the groom because of the responsibility that he assumes as he promises to protect and support the woman of his choice. Although this promise or vow may seem great, it is not too great when one considers the wonder of the partnership that it sets in motion, a partnership that calls for self-giving and the sharing of the interests of someone else.

Marriage is the greatest thing in the world. It is a lifetime job. Not only was it sanctioned by God, but it was approved by the Lord Jesus. Did He not repeat the words of Gen. 2:24 in Matt. 19:5? Thank God for the wisdom of the Word which gives to us the teaching we need concerning holy wedlock.

It naturally follows that if marriage be so important and is a matter of a lifetime, we should be very careful in the choice of a husband or a wife. We do not believe in this modern trend in divorce and remarriage. It is not a teaching of the New Testament. According to the words of Jesus in Matthew 19, a man is not to put away his wife, nor she her husband, except it be for the cause of fornication. Then the Lord does not say anything about there being another marriage even after this has been done. We do not have time in this article to give details concerning divorce and remarriage, but we shall say that there is a possibility that the innocent party be free to marry again. In view of this fact, one should pray earnestly for divine guidance in the choice of a life mate. When Abraham sent the elder of his house to find a wife for his only son Isaac, he sent him to his own country and not to the immediate vicinity, which was inhabited by the idolatrous Canaanites. The servant of the house of father Abraham prayed for divine guidance in Gen. 24:11-14 and thus was able to find the girl whom God had chosen to be the mother of Jacob, the father of the twelve patriarchs. If more people would pray before they married, they would have to pay less about their troubled homes after they married and could pray for others who also need the Lord.

Not only does one need to pray for divine guidance in the choice of a companion, but it might be well to use some good old-fashioned common sense as well. God has endowed us with some intelligence and expects us to use it, especially in a choice so

important as this. Some who have been tremendous successes in other walks of life have miserably failed in this very important matter.

When a young lady starts seeking a man to be with her the rest of her

COMMUNISTS' DECREE

In view of the social injustice hitherto resulting through legal matrimony, the following decisions concerning distribution of attractive specimens of the fair sex have been taken by the Free Anarchistic Wing of the Saratow Communists:

1. Henceforward all private ownership of women, from the ages of 17 to 42, is abolished.
2. This decree does not embrace women who have already given birth to five children.
3. The former proprietors (husbands) will enjoy the privilege of utilizing their ex-wives when they are not in circulation.
4. All women referred to in this decree are to become the common property of the Nation.
5. The distribution of the collectivized women is entrusted to the Anarchist Club of Saratow (Moscow St., building of the former Stock Exchange).
6. Within three days the women referred to have to report at the above address and be ready for service.
7. The execution of this decree is entrusted to the Housing Committee.
8. According to this decree, comrades are only allowed to dispose of the same woman three times a week for three hours.
9. Each man who claims right to access to socialized women must establish the fact that he belongs to the Proletariat.
10. He has to pay 3 per cent of his salary to an established "SEXUAL FUND."
11. Men who do not belong to the Proletariat can only obtain access to socialized women on pre-payment of a monthly sum of 1,000 rubles.
12. The State Bank has in every locality at once to open special accounts for the "SEXUAL FUND."
13. All socialized women will receive a monthly salary of 28 rubles out of this fund.
14. Pregnant women are relieved from their public duties for a duration of four months (three months prior to confinement and one month afterward).
15. All infants must, at the age of one month, be handed over to a "creche," where they are reared until they are 17 at the expense of the Nation.
16. At the birth of twins, the mother is entitled to a gratification of 300 rubles.
17. All comrades must submit to weekly sanitary inspection.
18. Propagation of venereal diseases will be punished.
19. Women who have been contaminated may claim a pension and discharge from further services.
20. The systematic execution of this decree will be supervised by the Club of Anarchists, the Nation.
21. Former husbands, who are not satisfied with their ex-wives, are at liberty to discard them without further formality.—From Western Voice.

life, she should be sure of his moral purity. According to Deut. 5:18, we are not to commit adultery and I am of the opinion that God has the same standard for the man that He has for the woman. Chastity is just as important to the man as it is to the woman. We are cursed with the blight of a double standard in our fair land today—it is all right for the man to live a loose life, but many feel that this is a tragedy in the life of a woman. Be sure, young lady, that the man of your choice is clean in both body and character. Do not look so much for a handsome man. Of course, this is a desirable quality, but all good husbands are not handsome men, and many handsome men do not make good husbands. Be sure that he will make you a good companion and will be able to love you in the bitter moments as well as in the times of pleasantness. Make certain that he has respect for the opposite sex and knows the place of the man and the woman. Do not be too hasty in grabbing him all of a sudden. If he really loves you, he will wait a little while anyway. Read Gen. 29:20. Jacob worked on seven years for Rachel and the days seemed as but a few, due to the fact that he loved the girl of his choice. Love is not something that will pass over in a few days. Be sure that he loves you above everything else. You would be surprised to know the hundreds of couples that today live a miserable life because they never really loved each other.

Young man, look for something in your wife besides beauty. Remember, beauty is a thing of youth and will pass away in a few years. We do not say marry an ugly duckling; all of us love beauty, but let that not be the prime and all-important factor

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RECEPTIONIST

Inside the information window sits Mrs. Mauldin Ray, receptionist at the Church of God Publishing House. The basket hanging outside the window is one of the places where outgoing letters are picked up.

Some Things to Think About



IT IS SAID THAT

Secretary General Trygve Lie has issued a directive for the installation of a simple, non-denominational prayer room in a sequestered area of the six block United Nations project. This is the first official act of deference by the UN to the concept of the Supreme Being. One of the prime movers in the project is the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World, an interdenominational group organized on a nation-wide basis.

The International Missionary Council reveals that in the past twenty-three years the number of Protestants in mission areas has increased around 300 per cent; that is, from 6,517,697 to 23,341,283. The survey upon which the report is based covered 120 countries. Protestantism showed the greatest gains during the period in South Africa—from 714,013 to 5,467,281—and in Indian Pakistan—from 580,212 to 4,100,224. The largest gains in Latin America were in Brazil—from 69,527 to 1,657,524—and in Mexico, where the totals have grown from 31,138 to 265,148. The only country to show a loss in Protestant population was Turkey, where the number of Protestants declined from 13,263 to 2,900. The Protestant missionary staff in the area surveyed now numbers 192,987; the places of worship, 141,169.

Britons spent the equivalent of \$2,600,000,000 on gambling in 1948, as compared with \$3,164,000,000 the year before, according to a report issued in London by the Churches' Committee on Gambling. The report disclosed that men wager five times as much as women in football pools, on which a total of \$244,000,000 alone was expended. Largest amount—\$1,440,000,000—was spent on horse racing, with the next highest amount—\$840,000,000—going to greyhound racing.

COST OF WAR

Four hundred billion dollars and 30,000,000 lives lost was part of the cost of World War II, according to the Congressional Record. As broken down by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, this might have provided a \$2,500 house, with \$1,000 worth of furniture, and five acres of land for every family in the United States, Canada, Australia, England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany, and Russia; besides a \$5,000,000 library and a \$10,000,000 university to every city of 20,000 or more in the countries named; and there would still be a large sum of money left over.

WHAT NEXT? NOW IT'S SLOT MACHINE DIVORCES

"But as the days of Noe were . . . marrying and giving in marriage." Wife-swapping, one of American's favorite pastimes, is to be made easier than ever. Those people who are tired of the old model and want to trade it in on a new one or somebody else's slightly used one may soon be able to get them from a shiny new machine, complete with the first two bars of "America."

A bill introduced in the Nevada Legislature today by Assemblyman C. C. Boak, a Republican retired businessman, proposes a scheme whereby divorce seekers could get a nicker-in-the-slot divorce.

Boak proposes that each county clerk purchase and install a divorce machine. Upon coming to the state, mecca for marriage-minded couples, as well as divorce seekers, they would pay a \$5 registration fee.

For his five bucks, he or she would be given a key, with which he would punch a time-clock arrangement on the machine every day during six weeks, which would establish a legal divorce residence in the sagebrush state. On the forty-second day, punching of the time clock by the divorce seeker would flash a green light—a go ahead signal—on the face of the machine.

The divorce seeker would then insert one

hundred silver dollars. A divorce decree, signed by a district court judge and stamped with all necessary seals and decorated with the proper colored ribbons, would come sliding down another slot.

We can think of only one way to make it easier for the advocates of a progressive harem. Abolish the laws of marriage altogether and let the lust-laden populace run together like animals.

ATOM BOMB HELD SIZE OF GOLF BALL

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—An air force officer says the atomic bomb is the size of a golf ball and is equal to 5,400,000 pounds of TNT. Lt.-Col. William R. Stark, member of a five-man team from the industrial college of the armed forces, told industrial leaders yesterday:

"The atomic bomb, the size of one golf ball, would be the equivalent of 270 ten-ton TNT bombs. The damage of such a bomb comes from three sources—blast, flash, and radioactivity."

He said the atomic bomb's blast is no different from other bombs, except in force, but added:

"The flash heat can inflict burns at the distance of three miles."

He said radioactivity was responsible for 10 per cent of the deaths in Japan, and "many deaths ascribed to shock and burns would have occurred from radioactivity anyhow."

The lieutenant-colonel spoke at a two-weeks course on economic mobilization.

"BE SURE YOUR SINS WILL FIND YOU OUT"

Num. 32:23

Explorer Frank H. Shaw records a true story in a recent magazine article about two men who had traveled deep into the Arctic in search of seals. Through the long months of isolation they quarreled and came to hate each other with a deep bitterness. At last one sealer fired a slug into the other's brain. To cover his crime he dropped the body in a lonely glacial crevasse. Then he returned to

GOSPELETTES

By MANUEL F. CAMPBELL

The weakest part of the work of the Lord is the human element.

We can defeat Satan and his agents of hell only as the Spirit of God supplies the dynamic power of the Holy Ghost.

If a man will honor God in victory and success, it will be quite easy to honor Him in failure.

The Church needs more Sunday School teachers and Christian workers who have a burden for souls. How many tears do you suppose you have shed over lost souls?

civilization and explained, sadly, that his friend had died of exposure. But Fate devised a plot too unbelievable even for fiction. The glacier slowly crawled toward the sea until at last the section enclosing the body broke loose and became an iceberg. The Ice Patrol sighted the berg and decided to dynamite it because it was a menace to shipping. When they clambered onto the berg they saw, sealed in the clear ice, the body of a man. It was perfectly preserved. There was the bullet hole and marks of identification on the body—sufficient record of the crime on which any jury would convict.—Gospel Temple News.

CLERGYMEN OPPOSE ALL MERCY KILLINGS

RICHMOND, Va.—(RNS)—Richmond Episcopal clergymen have signed a statement condemning "mercy killings" as "contrary to the will of God."

A majority of a group of ministers polled by a local newspaper also expressed opposition to euthanasia, and one Catholic priest, in a radio address, quoted several incurably ill persons as saying they are opposed to it.

The statement signed by the Episcopal clergymen said:

"We, the undersigned clergy of the Episcopal Church, condemn the proposal to legalize mercy killings for the incurably ill who request it. It is a practice characteristic of a pagan society and is revolting to the Christian conscience. It is contrary to our belief in the sacredness of human life; contrary to the common good and contrary to the will of God as we understand it."

The statement was issued after the announcement that several hundred New York Protestant and Jewish clergymen had petitioned the Legislature to legalize mercy killings of incurably ill patients.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Ministers of the Methodist District of Louisville have gone on record unanimously against "mercy deaths."

A resolution protesting "legalized murder" was adopted by a meeting of the ministers who condemned a petition by 397 New York Protestant and Jewish clergymen for euthanasia law.

In their resolution, the Methodist pastors endorsed a statement by Dr. W. I. Munday.

"I can't accept euthanasia," Dr. Munday declared in his statement. "To me, life is the most sacred thing possessed. I don't think man has the right to take it from the hands of God."

OUR GIVING

Nine dollars for me and one for the Lord; Can I spare that dollar now? Ah, yes, I have promised the tenth to Him, And so I will keep my vow. That certainly is enough to give, It costs so much in these days to live!

Nine dollars for me and one for the Lord; Somehow that seems very small When I think how He counted not the cost But freely poured out His all. Shall I stop with giving a tenth, when He Has given Himself—priceless Gift—for me?

Dear Lord, all I have, and am, is Thine, Redeemed with Thy blood one day; Oh take every bit of this life of mine And use it in Thine own way! I Love Thee, my Saviour, Redeemer, King, And gladly my all to Thy feet I bring.

—Source Unknown.

VOLTAIRE

Voltaire once wrote: "In less than a hundred years Christianity will have been swept from existence and will have passed into history." Now Voltaire has passed into history, Tom Paine has passed into history, Bradburn and Ingersol have passed into history. But the Bible still stands and is the most published and most widely circulated Book in the world today. Voltaire lived in the same age as John Wesley. Voltaire cursed his age with blasphemy and infidelity. Wesley blessed his age with the greatest religious awakening of modern history.

Is the So-Called Church of Christ a Religious Denomination? Or Is It the "One Body of Christ," the New Testament Church?

By REV. B. S. MYRES

The followers of the religious system originated by Barton Warren Stone, Thomas Campbell, and his son Alexander Campbell, call themselves "THE CHURCH OF CHRIST," the one and only church of the New Testament, all others excluded. They will tell you that they are not a religious denomination or organization as other sects. They will tell you that Jesus Christ founded their church, and all others are excluded because they will not follow their doctrines and system. These people are commonly identified by others as "Campbellites," and their doctrine "Campbellism."

Their Origin

Is the so-called Church of Christ the one New Testament church exclusively? or is it a denomination like other sects? We say, without fear of controversy, that it is positively a religious denomination, and is no more the one body of Christ than other churches that teach the fundamentals of Christianity. It lacks 1,800 years being the church historically, and much more Biblically. The so-called Church of Christ was originated by three men; namely, Barton Warren Stone, Thomas Campbell, and his son Alexander Campbell. It started about the year 1772. Stone was a Presbyterian minister, and was barred from their communion for preaching counter to the Westminster Confession, on faith and the work of the Holy Spirit in conversion. Authoritative history tells us that he organized the "Springfield Presbytery." In the year 1804, his band of five ministers met and gave up the said title and began to call themselves "Christians." Alexander Campbell and his father adopted the mode of baptism by immersion in the year 1812, and in the year 1813 joined the Baptists. It came to pass, in process of time, that the Campbells adopted the same system as that of Stone. Consequently, he began to propagate his interpretations on faith and the work of the Holy Spirit in conversion. He denied any direct and tangible operation of the Holy Spirit in changing

man's nature in regeneration, and substituted "baptismal regeneration." He preached that his interpretation of the Christian system was designed in the purpose of God to unite all churches in one body. His system failed to unify even the Baptists, much less all other churches. His system, being superficial, ceremonial, and materialistic, did conflict greatly with the fundamental Baptist ministers, who taught that in regeneration the Holy Spirit wrought a definite change in man's nature. A great clash occurred between Campbell and the Baptist ministry. Many warm debates transpired. In fact, the church asses had an all-out kicking contest until finally, between the years 1825 and 1830, the Campbellites were practically all ruled out of the Baptist communion. (Let it be known here that the Baptist ministry was in the right for no man is God-led into any church with conflicting doctrines that incur friction and sow discord. The Bible says, "withdraw," not "invade." If their doctrine is of force enough to unite all churches, it can accomplish its purpose without invading upon the rightful possessions of others.)

Campbell and Stone Unite

In January of 1832, at Lexington, Kentucky, the disciples of Campbell and Stone united into one group, calling themselves "The Disciples of Christ." Their local churches are called "Churches of Christ." Their followers, or members, are called "Christians." The chief design and high aim of Mr. Campbell was to unite all churches in one body, as it was when Jews, Gentiles, proselytes, and mongrels were organized into one body in the apostolic day. Campbell thought to erase all doctrinal lines and break down all governmental fences that separate between the various denominations. Indeed, there was nothing amiss of this desire within itself, but Mr. Campbell, like all the hundreds of others who have tried the same thing, thought to erase denominational lines by proposing that all

others throw down their interpretations of Scripture and accept his as altogether authoritative and unalterable. Ah, I, too, can unite all churches if they will throw down their interpretations and accept mine. But here is where the hitch will remain until He who purchased the Church with His own blood "separate them, the one on his right hand and other on his left."

When great men of other churches, who had experienced the regeneration by the operation of the Holy Spirit, heard and read of Campbell's materialistic substitute for inward spiritual experience, they laughed in disgust. They knew this fanciful, fanatical, and false system was designed to wrest God's Word to the damnation of many, even as it has and as you know.

The Campbell System Rejected

When this reaction came, it un-gearied the religious nervous system in the whole Campbellite society; so, Mr. Campbell decided he would "turn all other churches over to the devil for the destruction of the flesh." "THIS IS THE ONE BODY OF CHRIST!" exclaimed Mr. Campbell. "THIS IS THE ONE AND THE ONLY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH, AND ALL THOSE WHO FAIL TO FOLLOW IT ARE GOING DOWN TO HELL!!!" Mr. Campbell preached with great zeal. His followers have been preaching the same thing ever since. Alas! but are all men on their way to hell just because they refuse Mr. Campbell's interpretation of the Christian system? The sensible mind and the honest heart will kindly answer—"I should think not."

The author of the above challenges any Campbellite preacher that walks on the earth to refute the matter.

After reading the history of the Campbellites as ably given by Brother Myers, you won't be surprised at the following challenge:

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE HEALING MEETING? DIVINE HEALING —IS JONES (THEA) DOING IT?

It is a common question, "Have you been to the healing meeting?" Yes, I was there. "What do you think of it?" I think people are thinking more of their bodies than they are of their souls. "Why do you think that?" Why, they will come hundreds of miles to get a pain out of their back, but they wouldn't go across the street to hear the gospel preached, and that is the

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Oh, Praise the Lord

HAMER, S. C.—I wish to thank God and the praying people because I know God has wonderfully healed me of gall bladder trouble. I had been having attacks of it for about a year, but God wonderfully touched my body and healed me.—Mrs. Grady Christmas.

WALLACE, W. Va.—I am thanking and praising God for the healing of our daughter. She had spasms for quite a while. We had some of our church members to pray for her, and she got better. It has been about three months now since she has had one.—A Sister.

MUNCIE, Ind.—In 1939 our little boy, who was one and one-half years of age, was blind and the doctor said he had a tumor on his brain, that he would never see in his life and that he could not live long. He said the only thing we could do was to strap him in bed until he died. But Jesus can come along and make things different. Our little boy was anointed and prayed for and was healed. Thank God, ten years have passed by, and he is still living. He is in the sixth grade of school and has never used glasses. He has good health.—C. R. Murray, Pastor.

GASTONIA, N. C.—I praise and thank the Lord for touching my body through your paper. I was suffering such agony with a severe attack of gallstones and my gall bladder. I laid the *Evangel* on my side, and the pain was instantly gone.—Mrs. Marie Wilson.

YORK, S. C.—I praise God for healing me of a suffering in my back. I went to the altar and was prayed for, and the Lord touched by body that night.—Mrs. H. B. Propst.

CROCKETT, Tex.—I praise God for healing my body when I was at death's door. God can do anything if we will put our trust in Him.—John T. Owen.

ERWIN, N. C.—I thank Jesus for what He means to me and my family. I thank Him for the many times He has answered prayer. It is wonderful to know we are saved from sin. I can

truly say He is my King.—Mrs. Naomi Best.

BUCHANAN, Ga.—I praise the Lord for old time salvation. I am glad I am redeemed through the blood of Jesus. I am saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. The Lord has been too good to me to fail to serve Him.—E. A. Digsby.

SELMA, Ala.—I praise God for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I am from England

and I didn't know anything about the Church of God or this glorious salvation, but I got under conviction and went to the altar, and the Lord took my burdens away and filled me with unspeakable joy. I am so glad I have a salvation I can feel.—Evelyn Bobo.

FT. WORTH, Texas—I praise God for His wonderful power to heal. I praise Him for touching my body.—Etta Springer.

ST. STEPHENS, Ala.—I thank God for saving my soul from sin, and I am so glad that I am sanctified and my heart and life is clean. The old man went out and the new man came in, praise His great name. I praise Him for the Holy Ghost and fire like they received on the day of Pentecost.—John Heathcock, Evangelist.

Report of the Western Youth Congress

Over, but certainly not forgotten, is the first Western Youth Congress, which convened at Fresno, Calif., August 30 through September 1. Not only was this Youth Congress a great blessing and an inspiration to all who were privileged to attend, but it will continue to be a benediction to the churches in California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho as the leaders who attended the Congress go out and put the good learned there into practice to promote the work of Christ among the youth of their states.

Eagerly awaiting the first call to worship on Tuesday evening were young people from the various states gathered at the Fresno Gospel Temple, the beautiful air-conditioned church where the Rev. and Mrs. Otto Pauls pastor. Even before the welcome address by Rev. J. H. Hughes, overseer of California and Nevada, everyone was feeling very much "at home" among the good people of California.

The sermon "Youth at the Crossroads" delivered by the Rev. Paul Stallings, of Ohio, was the first of many good sermons preached at the Youth Congress. Other speakers included the Rev. Ralph Williams, National Youth Director; Rev. Harold McClung; Rev. R. C. Muncy, overseer of Washington, Idaho, and Oregon;

Rev. Robert Ball; Rev. John E. Douglas, Sr., overseer of Arizona; and the Rev. Zeno Tharp, Assistant General Overseer.

A goodly number was present each morning for the special study groups on such important subjects as "Y. P. E. Organization," "Youth Leadership and Program Preparation," "Daily Vacation Bible School," "Personal Soul Winning," "Children's Church and Junior Y. P. E.," and the "Sunday School in Action." We were happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Ralph E. Williams, Rev. Paul Stallings, and Rev. Zeno Tharp as teachers for these classes. Each one did a splendid job in dealing with his particular subject. The need to do more and better things for God was brought more forcibly to our hearts as these subjects were discussed.

The afternoon and evening services were "packed" with good things—singing, music, bits of variety, and preaching of God's Word. Everyone doing his best for God and the youth of the Church of God made the program outlined by Glen Grove, Io Garlit, and R. C. Muncy, youth directors, most interesting and beneficial.

New courage, greater inspiration, wider vision, and renewed energy was the reward of those attending the first Western Youth Congress.—Laverne Selman, Reporter, Salem, Oregon.

STATE ACTIVITIES (Continued from page 6)

Coleman	54.25
Wheelwright	47.90
Barbourville	43.50
Cumberland	41.01
Wallins	40.65
Richmond	34.40
Louisville	30.92
Corbin	29.77
Verda	29.28
Somerset	28.84
Grays Knob	27.45
Bowling Green	22.02
Freeburn	21.30
Dressen	20.56
Brodhead	18.80
Hazel Green	15.80
Lexington	15.55
East Bernstadt	13.75

Fork Ridge	13.00
Thornton	12.50
Jamboree	12.10
Crescent Springs	11.92
Winchester	11.65
Williamsburg	7.00
Combs	6.65
Oppy	2.81
Clay City	2.55
Millstone	2.00
Harmons Lick	1.30

Total \$1,660.16
—Mrs. L. H. Aultman State President.

WEST VIRGINIA'S L.W.W.B.

Dear Ladies:

I am sure after such a great convention as we have had, that you feel

more like working than ever before. The Lord was certainly very near unto us. Praise His Name.

We were proud to be able to read such a good report for our Willing Worker bands. You have done a splendid job and I am sure the Lord is well pleased with your labor for Him.

Last year you raised \$18,374.55, and this year it was \$37,000. The five largest for the month of July are as follows:

Wilcoe	\$270.00
Allen Junction	231.82
Kellysville	163.86
Stone Branch	150.65
Delbarton	99.32

May the Lord bless you each one.—
Mrs. Paul H. Walker, State President.



CORBIN, KENTUCKY, SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are happy to report the blessings of God upon the Church of God in Corbin, Ky. During the past several months, we have seen a nice increase in every department.

Sometime ago we closed a successful revival with Rev. Earl T. Golden, of Christopher, Ky., in charge. Though this revival was planned especially for the youth, seven adult members were received into the church. The above picture was made during the revival and the attendance on this Sunday was 165.

The Sunday School, under the leadership of Brother Earl Ford, is still making good progress and the Y.P.E. under the efficient leadership of Sister Emily Alwin is now in a successful contest raising money to redecorate the church.

The beautiful, all-modern parsonage is now completely furnished, with only a small indebtedness remaining. The Ladies' Willing Workers' Band has been very faithful in bringing about the parsonage.

All the state budget of the church has been raised. God has blessed this fine group of members and we give Him the glory for all the accomplishment.—J. R. Lenning, Pastor.

God's Explorers

MYRTLE WHITEHEAD, EVANGELIST

Heb. 11:8, "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

"Explore" means to search through, looking into all parts of; examine thoroughly, especially an unknown country.

Abram (as he was first called) was told to get out from his home land. Not knowing whither he went, by faith he sojourned into a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles. Abraham didn't ask any questions about going or whether he would receive anything for his journey. The text says, "By faith he went." It meant a great sacrifice, but he obeyed—went out by faith, exploring with an inheritance in view.

I often think of the great pioneer preachers who were called out years ago, how they explored the Word of God, searching for light concerning full salvation and the great Church of God. By so doing they discovered territory (spiritually) that had never been known since the days of the early Church. They had many persecutions, and their lives were at stake many times, but they went out by faith, exploring from town to town, publishing the good news of salvation regardless of their suffering. God had called them to go. Like Abraham, they went by faith, not knowing whither they went.

I think of Columbus who discovered America. He had much discouragement, uncharted seas before him, but all of this didn't stop him. He believed that by exploring he would succeed in finding a new world, and by faith he did.

We are God's explorers; we are looking for a new world. Let's keep on exploring until we find it. There are some people in the United States who call themselves "cave explorers." This is a very dangerous adventure. Their work is hunting out caves. With sufficient equipment these explorers go down hundreds of feet below ground. They don't fear danger; their interest is in that kind of work. They discover many strange places—the wonderful handiwork of God. This is the way we should be spiritually. We should go deeper and deeper in our experience and get everything the Lord has for us. Jesus told the disciples to "launch

out into the deep." The water was too shallow where they were fishing, but when they obeyed the Lord they had great success. (Luke 5:4.)

The cave explorers never would have found a cave if they had stayed on top of the ground, but by faith they went down deeper and deeper. God chose Joshua to succeed Moses. He told him, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses," Joshua 1:3. It is wonderful to have the experience of salvation; to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost; but there is plenty of room for us to explore. We are looking for an inheritance, and we don't want to miss it. Abraham didn't know where he was going, but he wasn't afraid to go. His faith was in the God who called him. He went on exploring and finished his career here. We esteem him as one of the greatest Bible explorers, known as "the father of the faithful."

There are greater things in store for us. The Word tells us, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him," 1 Cor. 2:9. It is our fault if we don't go on with the Lord and obtain greater blessings and more faith that we may see greater miracles in these last days. May God



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which governs your choice. Be sure that she has faith in God and is virtuous. It seems hard to say, but the truth will stand, many of our young ladies of today lack this wonderful thing called virtue. A young lady who is promiscuous before her marriage will be a poor risk once she becomes married. God help us to frown on immorality more than ever before. Seek a wife who is healthy and tidy. Better to have a wife that knows how to keep house than to have a girl who knows how to dance or jitterbug.

The wife, more than anyone else, makes the home something other than a house with walls. Examine the virtues of the woman eulogized in Proverbs 31 and find who will have some interests in the home and in the family. We feel that God made woman to be in the home, and it was a sad day for us when the mothers left home and went to work.

Finally, and most important, heed the admonition of Paul, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers," 1 Cor. 6:14. A Christian boy or girl fails God miserably and endangers all of his or her chance for future happiness by marrying an unbeliever. It has been well said that some young men get "galvation" instead of salvation. I have known this to be the case in many instances and warn every reader of this article to watch and not make this mistake that has caused untold trouble. It is hard enough to fight the devil when you have a companion who will pray with and for you, but it is almost impossible to serve the Lord with a wife or husband who does not ever have a desire to attend church nor live for the Lord Jesus. One cannot serve a companion and the Lord at the same time, and many have turned the Lord aside to please an unbelieving wife or husband. Do not walk into this trap. The Lord expects His children to use wisdom!

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only thing that will save them from sin.

"Well, don't you think Mr. Jones is healing many people?" He benefits for a short time some hippish people and some who have hysterics; but does not and cannot benefit any real case of the maimed, the palsy, the paralytics, the blind, the deaf, the dumb and such diseases as are real.

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The Church of Christ affirms.

2. The Scriptures teach that the signs of Mark 16:17-20 were to continue to follow believers of this day as they did believers in the days of the apostles.

The Church of Christ denies.

Will Jones sign them?—*Cleveland Daily Banner*, Saturday, August 13.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

FREEMAN

Mrs. Ida Freeman slipped away from her extended illness at the age of eighty-six. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and had been a native of Alabama City, Ala., for the past forty-nine years, and was loved and respected greatly by the citizens of that community.

She is survived by six daughters, Mrs. D. B. Brannon, Mrs. Fronia Gullede, Mrs. J. C. Hicks, Mrs. Otis Alford, Miss Ida Freeman, and Mrs. Grady Jones; three sons, B. E. Freeman, Charlie Freeman, and J. I. Freeman; thirty-four grandchildren and thirty-four great grandchildren. For the last several years Mrs. Freeman stayed in the home of her daughters, Mrs. Fronia Gullede and Miss Ida Freeman, who gave to her every at-

tention possible. Miss Ida Freeman is a charter member of the Alabama City church.

The funeral was conducted in the Alabama City Church of God by the pastors, G. W. Hodges and J. D. McKay, and former pastor, J. D. Bright.

JONES

James Frank Jones, a fireman of Fitzgerald, Ga., age thirty-six years, died Aug. 23, 1949. James Frank was totally disabled for only a few weeks, though he was in failing health for four years. He died a victorious death. He was not a member of the Church but had a previous experience with the Lord and left a wonderful testimony of being truly converted. He leaves a young wife, one daughter, nine years of age, a father, an uncle and aunt, and a host of friends.

His funeral was conducted in the Church of God in Fitzgerald by the writer. Six of his comrades of the city fire department were his pallbearers. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Fitzgerald.—T. W. Godwin, Pastor.

James Frank is gone, and oh how we miss him,

*But we know there will come a day
When we shall see his face again,
If only we watch and pray.*

*Yes, in that city across the river,
Where all the good abide,
We'll strike glad hands and say good morning,*

When we have crossed the tide.

—T.W.G.

DODSON

Mrs. Ida Harris Dodson departed this life January 10, 1949. She has gone on to a true Christian's reward.—Her sister, Mrs. Shella Bee Babo.

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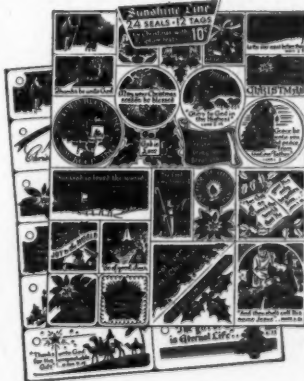
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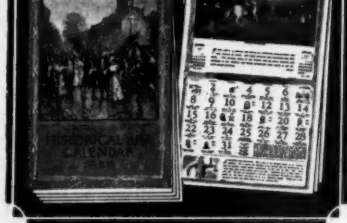
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